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For: SYNTHETIC BITUMEN OIL-WATER EMULSIONS, THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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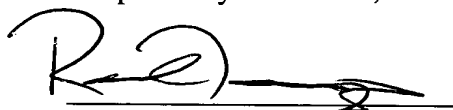
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations for DE 3 830 679 and DD 149 373.

DE '679 discloses bitumen-polymer water emulsions comprising a bitumen, a latex compound, an emulsifying agent, non-organic compounds, curing agents and water. These emulsions may be used as water-proof coatings. The object of DE '679 is to obtain a bitumen-polymer water emulsion which, with a polymer content as low as possible (page 2, lines 50-51), builds protection self-branching layers, having good properties of flexibility and resiliency and that are highly resistant to heat and aging.

DD '373 relates to reflecting roof coatings containing aluminum particles, that are intended to reflect sun beams and thus to prevent a temperature raise of the roof. The object of DD '373 is to prevent an aging of these coatings, resulting in a loss of their reflecting properties. To this end, DD '373 discloses a special bitumen emulsion containing a rubber-type latex and 2 to 20 wt% of a paste of aluminum pigments.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
		US 5,414,029	A	05-09-1995	Lemoine <i>et al.</i>

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		DE	3830679	A1	09-28-1989	VEB Petrolchemisches Kombinat Schwedt	N
		DD	149373	A1	07-08-1981	Werner <i>et al.</i>	N

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